

Real Analysis

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1 Daily Quiz

2 Key Topics

Today we review properties of the Riemann integral and introduce the fundamental theorem of calculus. For further reading, see [1, Sections 5.2–5.3].

Recall the Darboux integrals

$$\overline{\int_a^b} f(x)dx = U(f) = \inf\{U(f, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b]\}$$

and

$$\underline{\int_a^b} f(x)dx = L(f) = \sup\{L(f, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b]\},$$

where $U(f, P)$ and $L(f, P)$ are the upper and lower Darboux sums. We say that f is Riemann integrable if $U(f) = L(f)$. In addition, we have the following results.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded. Then, f is Riemann integrable if and only if for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$.*

Theorem 2.2. *Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be Riemann integrable. Then,*

a. $\int_a^b kf = k \int_a^b f, \forall k \in \mathbb{R}$

b. $\int_a^b (f + g) = \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g$

Theorem 2.3. *Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be monotone. Then, f is Riemann integrable.*

Theorem 2.4. *Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Then, f is Riemann integrable.*

2.1 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus: Part I

Theorem 2.5. *Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable on $[a, b]$. If f' is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$, then*

$$\int_a^b f' = f(b) - f(a).$$

Proof. Let $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a partition of $[a, b]$. By the Mean Value Theorem, for each $i = 1, \dots, n$, there exists a $c_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ such that

$$f'(c_i)\Delta x_i = f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}).$$

Let m_i and M_i denote the infimum and supremum, respectively, of f' on $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$. Then, we have

$$m_i\Delta x_i \leq f'(c_i)\Delta x_i = f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}) \leq M_i\Delta x_i$$

Since $f(b) - f(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}))$, it follows that

$$L(f', P) \leq f(b) - f(a) \leq U(f', P).$$

Since this bound holds for any partition P , we have

$$L(f') \leq f(b) - f(a) \leq U(f')$$

Therefore, since f is Riemann integrable,

$$U(f') = L(f') = f(b) - f(a).$$

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Example 2.6. Let $f(x) = x^3$. Then,

$$\int_a^b 3x^2 dx = b^3 - a^3.$$

3 Exercises

Suppose that $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuously differentiable on $[a, b]$. The following exercise will walk you through the proof of integration by parts.

a. Use the product rule to show that

$$f(x) \frac{d}{dx} g(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)g(x)) - g(x) \frac{d}{dx} f(x).$$

b. Use Theorem 2.4 to explain why $f(x) \frac{d}{dx} g(x)$ is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$.

c. Use Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.5 to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) \frac{d}{dx} g(x) dx &= \int_a^b \left(\frac{d}{dx} (f(x)g(x)) - g(x) \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right) dx \\ &= f(x)g(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b g(x) \frac{d}{dx} f(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

References

- [1] J. LEBL, *Basic Analysis: Introduction to Real Analysis*, Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike, 6th ed., 2023.